

With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C.W. BILL YOUNG,
Member of Congress.

BILL CLINTON IS AWOL IN WAR ON DRUGS

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, several surveys over the last few months have shown a steep increase in drug use by teenagers over the last 3 years. The Household Survey on Drug Abuse shows a 137-percent increase among 12- and 13-year-olds. LSD and crack cocaine use among teens has also gone through the roof. More children are becoming addicted to drugs earlier and in larger numbers than ever before.

Republicans have responded to this problem. Through appropriations, we have provided law enforcement agencies with the resources to combat the war on drugs. Bill Clinton, on the other hand, has turned a blind eye. In 1993, just days after taking office, Clinton fired 80 percent of the staff at the Office of National Drug Policy; he slashed interdiction efforts by 25 percent; and he appointed left-wing judges far outside the mainstream of American life.

In this election year, Bill Clinton will say anything to hide the fact that he has been AWOL in the war on drugs.

CABLE'S HIGH SPEED EDUCATION CONNECTION

(Mr. MANTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the cable television industry for its latest educational initiative to provide elementary and secondary schools across the country with access to the Internet using high speed cable modems. Demonstrating its ongoing commitment to education, the industry is providing this extraordinary service free of charge.

Cable modems can provide data transmission up to 1,000 times faster than transmission over ordinary twisted copper phone lines. Information that takes more than one hour to download using a typical modem can be done in just seconds using a cable modem.

This high-speed digital access to the information superhighway will provide enormous benefits to our Nation's schoolchildren. As cable rolls out this technology in communities across the country, your local school library will be electronically transformed into the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and a source of unlimited information—and at no cost to the school or the taxpayer.

In conclusion, I want to commend the cable industry for its efforts to make certain that America's educational system has the benefit of the

most advanced telecommunications technology.

THE WAR ON DRUGS NEEDS MORE THAN A 2-DAY SUMMIT

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues and I are well aware of the danger and tremendous problems that drugs pose on our society.

What America needs is a sound and tough drug policy to fight this threat to society. Mr. Speaker, what America doesn't need is more election-year political posturing.

Today and tomorrow, the Clinton administration is sponsoring a 2-day summit. This is just one way the White House is attempting to fool the American public, that they are committed to the war on drugs.

Mr. Speaker, if the Clinton administration was actually serious about fighting drugs, they would have asked their New York judge to resign after he freed an admitted drug runner and refused to allow 75 pounds of cocaine to be used as evidence.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican commonsense approach to the war on drugs is simple and effective. Give law enforcement the funding for resources necessary to fight this problem, not a 2-day summit on border patrols.

LEAN AND MEAN RIPOFF

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, we know there is big money in health care, but this deal breaks the bank. U.S. Healthcare is merging with Aetna, a \$9 billion deal that they say will make the company lean and mean and they will be able to pass on huge savings to consumers. Spare me, Mr. Speaker. I do not see any lean and mean in sight. What I see is fat, fat and filthy rich.

Check this out. The new chairman, Len Abramson, will make \$1 billion, \$1 billion in cash and stocks. If that is not enough to irritate your gallbladder, he will have two copresidents, and they will make millions of dollars more so they make sure the company is lean and mean. Beam me up. These nickel slicks must think that all Americans were born yesterday.

The truth is these big fat cats are simply mean, and the only lean out there will be the downsized laid-off health care workers trying to make a mortgage payment.

I yield back the balance of any more of this ripoff.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE WAR ON DRUGS

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton is using tobacco as a politically correct whipping boy while he ignores marijuana, cocaine and heroin trafficking and the crime associated with it. Teenage marijuana use has more than doubled on Bill Clinton's watch, but it is no surprise that kids are inhaling under this administration.

Just days after taking office, the President cut the office of the drug czar by 80 percent. In its first 3 years he eliminated 227 agent positions for the DEA. We all remember his Surgeon General, Joycelyn Elders, who talked about legalizing cocaine.

I would say to the President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, you can continue to attack an adult legal product which is the livelihood of thousands of hard-working farmers in North Carolina, but you cannot hide the fact that illegal drug use among teenagers have skyrocketed. You have proven to the Hollywood elite you are serious about stopping smoking. Now, Mr. President, convince the American public you are serious about stopping drugs.

ONE STEP CLOSER TO INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today millions of working Americans can come one step closer to earning a livable wage. The Senate will finally vote on increasing the minimum wage. After months of blocking Democratic attempts to vote on raising the minimum wage, the Senate Republican leaders will finally allow a vote.

But this vote for working Americans does not come easy. As payment, the Senate Republicans will attempt to attach an amendment that will destroy this minimum wage increase. The Republican amendment would delay the implementation in the increase, freeze the minimum wage for those people who work in restaurants and also exempt millions of people from having any increase.

Republicans have no real interest in helping the millions of working Americans because these exemptions will prevent millions of hard-working Americans from earning a livable wage.

American families are working harder than ever. It is tough to get by when working full time for minimum wage does not put enough money in your pocket to put bread on your table.

I ask my colleagues in the other Chamber not to prevent these hard-working American families from earning a livable wage. Support work, not welfare.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members should refrain from making references to proceedings in the other body.